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Learning how to co-exist: the Frost Centre trails

KAREN PHIPPS
Walter & Me

I AM A Sucker for those videos showing two very different species of animals forging special friendships. You know the turtle and the rhino, the lion, tiger and bear,- those heart warming videos of unusual relationships between species who have put aside natural predator/prey instincts to choose friendship.

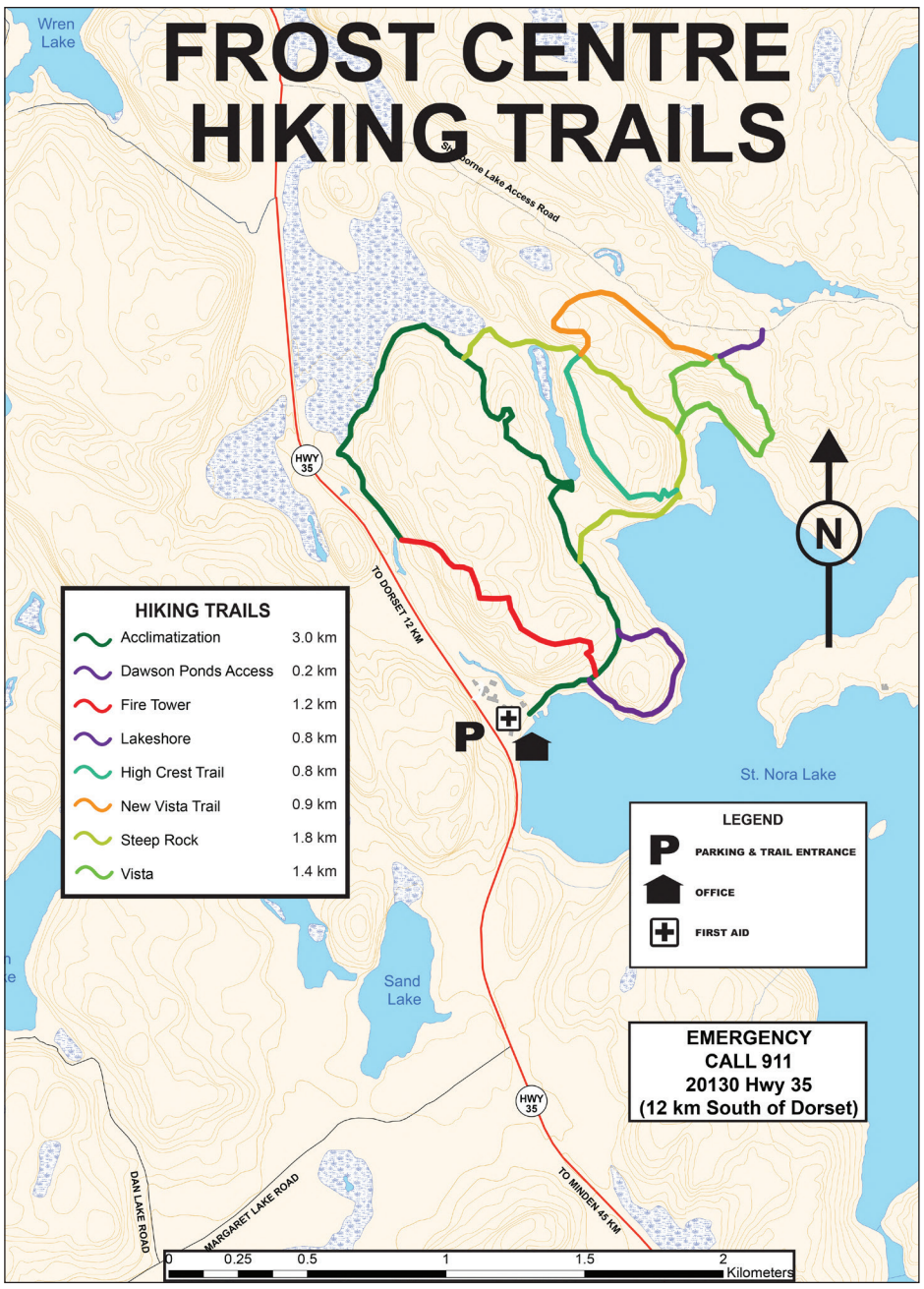
When Walter first arrived on scene, he had never been inside a home, which meant he had never been house trained, and the rhythm of human life was a foreign concept to him. He was anxious and confused about how to conduct his life amidst humans and other animals. This confusion was trying on all inhabitants, and we altered, adjusted and struggled to find ways to coexist. While Walter was acclimatizing to his new life, and I was drawing from a very deep place to find my capacity to show patience and love, the rest of my furry crew was also struggling. My two cats and 15 year old dog were not the least bit impressed with the newest arrival. His presence was anything but subtle. During those early days I did my best to buffer the zones in order to keep peace in the home. Walter slept in the laundry room at night so the cats could freely roam the house. It was hard to read Walter's intentions with the cats. Was he just curious, or thinking, "Hey, tasty morsel?" Keeping everyone in their own corner lasted for a few months and I was always on guard for the potential of a fatality. My fears slowly dissipated and once again, the animals taught me that they have a huge capacity to love, and now… well the picture says it all.

Walter settles in with one of his siblings.

Our hike this week got me thinking about ways humans can coexist with natural spaces and species in a way that serves and preserves. My sister accompanied Walter and I to the Frost Centre near Dorset for our hike. Driving north along highway 35 from Minden, there sits a huge complex that seems incongruent with the landscape. The Frost Centre runs along the shores of St. Nora's Lake and has a history that goes back to 1921 when it was built as a Rangers Station. In 1944, the University of Toronto and the Ontario government went in partnership to start a forestry school. In 1974, it became the first outdoor education centre in the province dedicated to environmental and resource management. Unfortunately, the doors closed in 2004. Sadly, the complex is currently up for sale. In this critical time of environmental change and distress from human impact, it seems like an education facility teaching environmental stewardship could benefit all species. I wonder what the chances are…

The Frost Centre walking trails are like walking through a Tom Thomson painting - tall pines, rugged Canadian Shield with cliffs dropping to the water's edge. From the Frost Centre there are 11 km of trails to explore. I was amazed to learn that the Frost Centre is just one of ten trails maintained by the township of the Algonquin Highlands. In fact they maintain over 28,000 acres of walking and water trails! The Trail office is located right beside the Frost Centre where you can rent canoes and paddling packages. It is also the launching point for exploring the water trails and where campers can begin their day trips or 1 to 4 day trips staying at campsites also managed by Algonquin Highlands. Check out their amazing website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca/explore-play/trails/hiking-trails.

Along the trails, it is easy to walk in awe of the wonderment of our natural space. The beauty, the time it took to create, the trees that shared the same rays of sunshine as our grandparents, the rocks from different millennia, and the lakes that hold stories of times barely imaginable. Those life affirming moments when you just stop for a moment and try to capture that elusive milli-second when you feel connected to all things that share the same time and place. We are all different, different experiences, different species, but we coexist at this moment in time. That's a pretty good reason to be friends.



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Spring spectacular

Skyline Dance Studio presented their Spring Showcase to the community at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Friday, Mar. 22 and Saturday, Mar. 23. Dancers of all levels performed solos, duets, trios, as well as competitive tap, jazz, ballet, and a Toy Story production line. All funds raised at the show will go towards portable ballet bars for the studio. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Hal High Monthly

Hal High Monthly is written by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School leadership class featuring monthy school news.

What's new at Hal High?

By Autumn Winder, Grade 12, and Carmen Horner-XerriGrade 12

Throughout March, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted numerous exciting events and activities to keep students engaged and entertained during the academic semester. Despite the interruption of the March break, the school continued to prioritize creating a fun learning environment for all students.

The leadership class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School organized various sports, activities, and themed days, encouraging students to dress in specific colors to support meaningful causes. This month, our central theme day aimed at raising awareness was International Women's Day. Students at HHSS showed their support by wearing purple, symbolizing women's achievements locally and globally. "I wore a purple shirt for International Women's Day but to be honest, the shirt didn't matter to me because I think that women should be represented and respected every day," said student Cole Hamilton.

Mrs. Dobson also said, "I think it's definitely an important day and we should do more about it." As we move beyond International Women's Day, it is important for us all to remember the significance of both quotations. Let's not confine our acknowledgment to just one day; rather, let's embrace a daily practice of celebrating and valuing women.

Another loveable event this March was the teacher versus students badminton games where students had the chance to play one of our very talented and competitive gym teachers: Mr.Gaffney, Mrs. Scheffee, and Mr. Ernst. The students fought hard to beat the teachers but did not come out victorious. The teachers beat the students, scoring a total of nine wins while the students won only three. Events like this are becoming the norm running every other Wednesday at lunch with new teachers to face off against each time. Basketball fans get ready!

Another thing happening in the sports world of HHSS is the announcement of the reestablishment of our Boys Rugby Team, marking a significant return to the sport after an absence since 2012. When asked the question "What do you think is the most interesting thing happening in the school right now?" Clark Turner replied "They (HHSS) are having a rugby team for the first time in a while which is going to be cool," demonstrating exceptional school spirit and further showcasing how much students enjoy watching and encouraging our school teams and representing the Red Hawks.

As the festive season rolled on, the leadership class of HHSS prepared a school-wide easter egg hunt, available to all students who wished to participate. Easter eggs were hidden around the school and once found could be exchanged for prizes and points for their school team. However, there's a twist: one special golden egg was hidden and when found could be handed in for the biggest prize the HHSS Egg Hunt had to offer. During the hunt students were searching the bookshelves of the library and all throughout the school where they suspected eggs may be hiding. Keith Bailey-McLeod said, "This month in March, I am really excited for the Easter egg hunt… I really want that golden egg, Dude." Keith showed his passion for the Easter spirit with his ambition to find the golden egg in the school-wide search.

Outside of school, we had an interruption of the March break from the 11th to the 15th. Numerous students and teachers took advantage of the break to indulge in vacations or engage in enjoyable activities at home. Here are a selection of their personal accounts, providing insight into their experiences beyond the classrooms of HHSS. "I had a nice family trip with my wife and my son down in South Carolina. It was great," said Mr. Longo. Over the March break, Veronica Beynon celebrated her 18th birthday. She said, "I turned 18, so I went to a nice restaurant in Toronto with my mom and I went to go see the musical *Six* at Mirvish theater." Many others at HHSS shared the fun things that went on during their March breaks. Regardless of their itineraries, it was a refreshing time away, for both our hardworking students and teachers alike.

HHSS had a vibrant month filled with both fun and educational activities. Ms. Carr and her leadership class led many of these initiatives and with April and May on the way, we eagerly anticipate more exciting experiences and sunny days ahead.

Quoi de neuf à Hal High?

Par Sofia Scott, 12 e année, et Téa Yates, 11 e année

Pendant la mois de Mars, il n'y avait pas beaucoup d' événements dans l'école de HHSS, mais les un qui a passé était très importants! Premièrement, la classe de leadership a travaillé fort pour augmenter le pourcentage de participation esprit d'école dans HHSS. On a divisé les cours dans les groupes pour créer une compétition avec des prix et des punitions.

Notre première jour d'esprit était la journée nationale de la femme. Les élèves et les professeurs ont montré leur appréciation en portant des vêtements violets et blancs. Un élève en douzième année, Kaelem Little, a dit, "les femmes les plus inspirantes dans ma vie sont ma mère, Barb et Taylor Swift, pour leurs ambitions dans leur vie."

Pour Pâques, la classe de leadership a planifié une semaine de Pâques pour les élèves de HHSS. Ils ont caché les œufs autour de l'école pour que les élèves trouvent et les échangent pour les petits chocolats. Jeudi, ils ont porté des couleurs pastel pour Pâques et on a aussi vu les personnes qui portaient des chaussettes funky pour la journée de syndrome de Down.

Les vacances de mars ont permis aux élèves et aux professeurs d'avoir une pause durant le semestre. Beaucoup d' élèves ont voyagé! Un élève a dit, "J'ai voyagé au Roatan.". Des autres élèves sont restés proches de leur maison, comme une autre élève qui a dit, "Pendant la pause, j'ai visité ma famille à Collingwood pendant la semaine". Le vacance de mars était une chance de se détendre avant les midterms et une chance de célébrer le jour de St. Patrick.

Après la pause, le football pour filles a commencé officiellement, coachée par Ms. Scheffee. Il y a des pratiques dans les matins et après l'école et beaucoup de filles sont enthousiastes pour le début du football.

Une autre de nos sports qui a commencé ce mois-ci à HHSS est l`athlétisme. Il y a des pratiques après l'école pour préparer leur première rencontre d'athlétisme!

La première pratique de Badminton a commencé avant les vacances de mars. L`équipe junior prépare pour leur premier match le 4 avril qui se déroule à HHSS. Les seniors ont leur premier match au Fenelon Falls le 2 Avril. Il y avait aussi un petit match entre les professeurs et les élèves le 20 mars. Les professeurs ont gagné 8-3.

Des étudiants d'art ont participé dans l'exposition annuelle des étudiants avec la Galerie d`Art de Bancroft. Annabelle Borgdorff a gagné le prix de "Meilleure de l'Exposition". Sur sa pièce, elle a dit, "C'est un dessin en perspective surréaliste. Quand on est jeune, nous prenons pour acquis la magie qui nous entoure. On doit souviens d'arrêter, réfléchir, et reconnaître la beauté qui nous entoure."

Avec tous les sports et les événements intéressants dans ce mois, on a vu beaucoup de participation avec les élèves et les professeurs. Nous espérons que le mois prochain va être rempli avec l'esprit d'école!

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Writing on the Senior Side

The Earth laughs in flowers

GAIL STELTER

Special to *County Life*

Get ready, get set, go. "The Earth laughs in flowers," said Ralph Waldo Emmerson, and I am ready to laugh with the Earth. I am ready for spring. I know the calendar says it's well underway but I am never quite sure if Haliburton has that calendar. So, while I get set, get ready and go into spring I am ready to laugh with the Earth; to laugh in flowers.

My mom said that cut flowers were impractical. They didn't last long. She preferred flowering plants but not white Easter Lillies as these reminded her of funerals. She treasured the red single-pot geranium and the Chrysanthemum plant my brother and I bought her for Mother's Day and quickly got down on her hands and knees to plant them in her garden. She loved her garden. There were gorgeous peonies and flowering bushes with little white flowers. There were gladiolas and at the back fence, there was rhubarb. She also looked after the fruit tree that mindlessly grew and provided an abundance of perfect juicy peaches. One day she asked me if I would like to help her weed the garden. I was happy. Yuck, that soon ended when a fat worm startled me. I was afraid of worms. I am not a gardener.

Do you remember the bean plants we grew in the classroom and on our kitchen window sills? The bean was placed ever so carefully between the wet paper towel and the side of the cup. Did you cut a carrot and put the end in a saucer of water? I think I could have been a good indoor gardener… no worms.

You don't have to be a gardener to love cut flowers. They bring such joy. I can look at them forever and ponder nature's incredible designs, smells and rainbow colours. Flowers for no special reason and flowers for special occasions: red roses in my wedding bouquet, then a rose for each year we are married or how about one dozen red roses to celebrate the birth of our first daughter, two dozen for our son, three dozen for the next son and four dozen for our youngest daughter. Those roses were getting expensive… a good thing I didn't have ten kids.

I also love our garden. I say "our" but it's Peter's garden as he does all the work. Last year he treated himself to a creative deer repellant. Two and a half swishes - back and forth, back and forth and back. A sprinkler comes on when someone or some animal comes close to our front garden. It works great to keep the deer away and also to splash anyone who comes too close. We enjoy the deer and love seeing them nearby but we get a little frustrated when they eat the hostas, the daylilies and more. They don't like my daisies so daisies can be planted farther away. So, why do I call it "our" garden when Peter does everything? I am the resident consultant who is all in for trips to the nursery or garden centre;

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Sweet celebrations

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

As I strolled along the shore of Head Lake this evening, the sun was glinting off the open water, while the last few patches of winter ice bobbed along the shore. Yes, the Haliburton Highlands is filled with signs of spring everywhere you look these days, but one of the sweetest is sure to also put a spring in your step - maple syrup! I've heard from local producers that it's been a bit of an unusual year for making maple syrup, with the milder weather nudging the season earlier, but plans are still going ahead around the Highlands to mark Ontario's Maple Weekend on April 6 and 7. Today, over 90 per cent of the maple syrup produced in Canada is actually produced in Quebec, but it's also an activity with a long and important history in this province.

The exact date of its original creation of maple syrup may be unknown, but we do know that it was part of the traditions of many Indigenous communities long before the arrival of European settlers. For those settlers, there must have been quite a learning curve in mastering the art and science of making this sweet treat, but its appeal was obvious. It was a delicious sweetener which they could produce themselves, rather than relying on sugar which had to be imported from more tropical climates, and could, as a result, be rather pricey.

Making maple syrup in the 19th century in the Highlands involved a great deal of preparation - tapping trees, hanging buckets and then carrying many buckets of sap before the boiling down process could even begin. The timing of maple syrup season was opportune however, falling in that liminal time between winter and spring and, in fact, relying on the weather conditions of that time of year for its magic. Taking place before the planting and growing season got underway meant that more hands were available to help. Producing maple syrup would have also been an exercise in patience, waiting as the evaporation process slowly turned each 40 litres of sap into a single litre of syrup over an open fire. The patience needed meant that syrup season also had a great appeal as a social time. After a long winter, a milder day spent by a warm fire with sweet smells filling the air and some good company must have seemed ideal. It was a chance to connect with family and friends, share stories and make plans for the spring season, all while producing a product to sweeten one's dishes in the days to come.

Today, the Haliburton Highlands boasts many maple syrup producers, ranging from those who make a couple of bottles for their breakfast pancakes to commercial operations involving hundreds of trees and large scale evaporators. One thing that comes through

again and again in conversations I've had with local syrup producers is their passion for what they do. I hope you'll take advantage of this weekend's opportunities to celebrate all things maple around Haliburton County, as well as the people who create that special taste of spring. Visit a producer and buy from the source or perhaps enjoy a tour of a local sugarbush and learn about the history of that operation. Don't forget that local maple products are also available year-round, not just in the spring, so we can support local producers in our community any time of the year. Now, that sounds sweet, doesn't it?

Top 10 things to explain why you are going separate ways

LET'S FACE it. Breaking up is hard to do, but not necessarily impossible. In fact, it happens every day. But, if you are going to leave your partner, you at least owe them an explanation as to why. At a loss for words? Here are the top 10 reason to use during a breakup conversation.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. It's not you. It's the restraining order.
2. It's never going to work. I collect fine China. You sprint in your sleep.
3. You say tomato.
4. How do you feel about hide and go seek?
5. Hey, you were the one who insisted on taking an on-line clarinet course.
6. Honestly, it's your incessant tap dancing.
7. Look, I knew that you were a professional mime. What I didn't know is that you bring your work home every night… on a bicyclette!
8. I honestly tried, but I'm just not a fan of Gregorian Chants.
9. Look! A moose!
10. You're the Invisible Man, and that's wonderful. But I think it's time to see other people.

Beginnings

Air, trembling, with the trilling of birds,
perched on branches, arching over the trail,
a tenderness, to the birdsong that trickles from the bare crowns of trees,
as breeze carries these flutters of spring along the trail, veiled in light, streaming down from Sky, so blue,
I blink up in wonder at the fullness of this afternoon Moon, rising above the hills,
sharing space with the orb of Sun, letting it shine, before its turn arrives,
as I watch the ink blots of geese dapple the Moon, wondering whether they returned too soon,
a rawness lingering in the Air, as winter claws its way back to hibernate in its cave,
Air, drenched with the chirping of this chorus of birds, fluttering in and out of the trees,
the debris of last year's leaves, clinging to the earth, that breathes beneath them,
my Breath and steps slowing, as I peer down at the ground,
my eyes, squinting, at the blur of fur, uncertain what they see,
the black and rust-coloured caterpillar, bushy as an eyebrow, wriggling its way across the trail,
curling into itself when I crouch down, my shadow hovering over it, blotting the light of Sun,
staring at the still creature, as fascinated as when I was small, watching for movement from the furry eyebrow,
wondering whether I should assist it in its crossing, or leave it be, as birds flit above us,
smearing Air with layers of their spring song, wondering where the caterpillar's journey began,
and where it was headed, before I intercepted its path, curling tighter into a tiny ball of fur, as I spot another caterpillar,
inching its way along the trail, maneuvering pebbles and roots,
marveling at its ingenuity and patience as it conquers these obstacles,
to reach the tall grasses, swaying on the other side,
my eyes, sliding up towards the smudge of Moon, dangling over the hills, how small it appears from down here,
how tiny the trees and we must seem, to the Vees of geese, gliding up there,
their honks, mingling with the trilling of birds, trickling through Air,
drenching the trail with sounds of spring and its slow beginning, as I glance back down at the ground,
the woolly eyebrow of caterpillar, continuing its trek along the trail, almost reaching the other side,
where it can hide amongst the tall grasses and weeds, its journey, just begun,
like the seeds squirming beneath the earth, craving the light and warmth of spring Sun.

Sylvie Kalenda

Writing on the Senior Side

Bring me flowers

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for choosing new flowers and purchasing the flowers in pots for our planters. I like my role. And, I especially love it in spring. I watch each day through my window on the world to see if the tulips are coming up. Tulips are that beautiful sign of spring that can burst through snow and leftover leaves. My youngest daughter gave us 50 Canada Holland bulbs and that little piece of World War II history is a wonderful memory. As you probably already know, Canada played a significant role in the liberation of the Netherlands. My dad was in Holland at this time. After the war, the Dutch people and Princess Juliana expressed their thanks to Canada by sending thousands of tulip bulbs to Ottawa. Having my Canada Holland tulips greet me each spring reminds me to be grateful for life that springs anew.

I watch for buds on the maple trees, the hostas to shoot up and my single peony in bloom. The hostas came with the house and I remember being very excited as I anticipated the blooms they would bring. Too funny. The pinkish-purplish little flowers are cute but pale in comparison to the plant. I watch for my lilacs, hydrangeas, hyacinths and black-eyed Susans. I am an excellent consultant.

It is obvious that flowers have a positive impact on our lives so it was with my usual chuckle and "here we go again" that I decided to read about the effect of flowers on seniors. I have come to the conclusion that those of us on the senior side are a never-ending source of research. The results of a six-month study, conducted at Rutgers State University involving over 100 senior participants revealed that 81 per cent of seniors who received flowers reported reduced depression, while 40 per cent broadened their social activity and 72 per cent scored higher on memory tests than those who did not receive flowers. Well, that's nice but does this translate to us? Simply receiving a fresh-cut bouquet can lift our spirits and having flowers in the room can lower anxiety, stress, fatigue and even post-operative pain. A gift of flowers reminds us that someone is thinking of us. Oh, I do appreciate the gift of flowers. Seniors who receive flowers tend to re-engage with members of their communities and broaden their social circles. The study also revealed a connection between scent, emotion and memory. Smell has a stronger link to recollection than any of the other senses and a familiar odour can trigger an extremely vivid memory. Oh, that's me and roses.

So, tell your family and friends you would like to receive gifts of flowers and if that doesn't work go out and buy yourself a bouquet. Perhaps you ask for seeds or go and buy yourself a packet and start at the beginning. You could be that indoor gardener with your seed plants. Remember, "the Earth laughs in flowers." Get ready, get set, and go laugh your way into spring.

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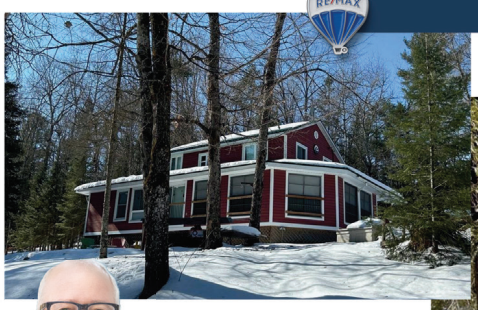

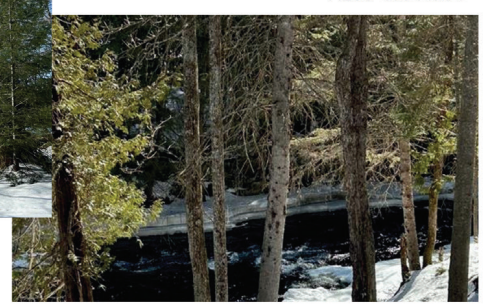

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- ✅ Jump on the Haliburton County Rail Trail system just around the corner for miles of trails.

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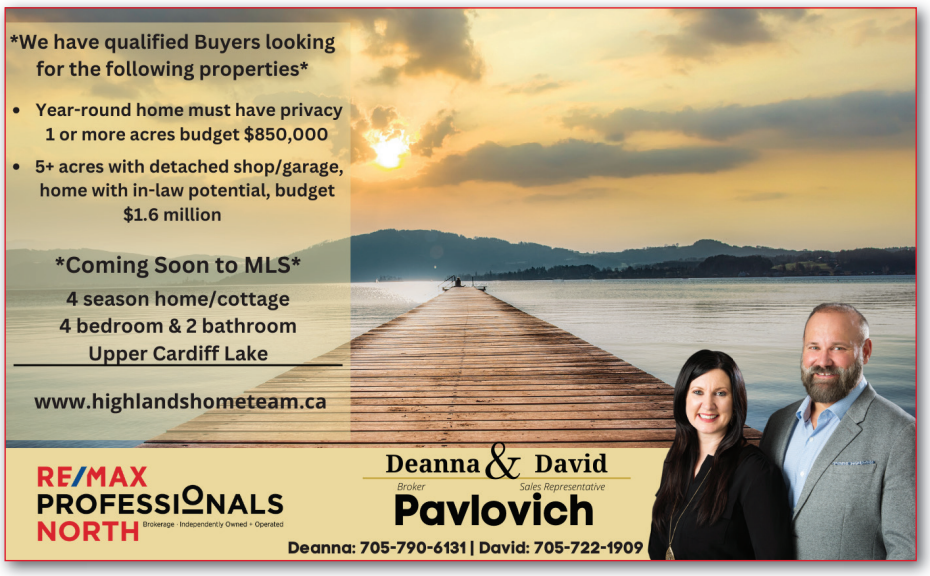
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- Beautiful quiet lake, west of Minden
- 900 ft of shoreline, 5.9 acres
- Smooth rocky point with pines
- Gentle lot well treed, gorgeous sunsets
- Lightly developed lake with balance of shoreline crown
- 1000's of acres of crown to the west
- Rough 4x4 road to lot

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Several lakefront cottages located throughout Haliburton County will be coming to market this spring through me, stay tuned for more info as spring progresses!

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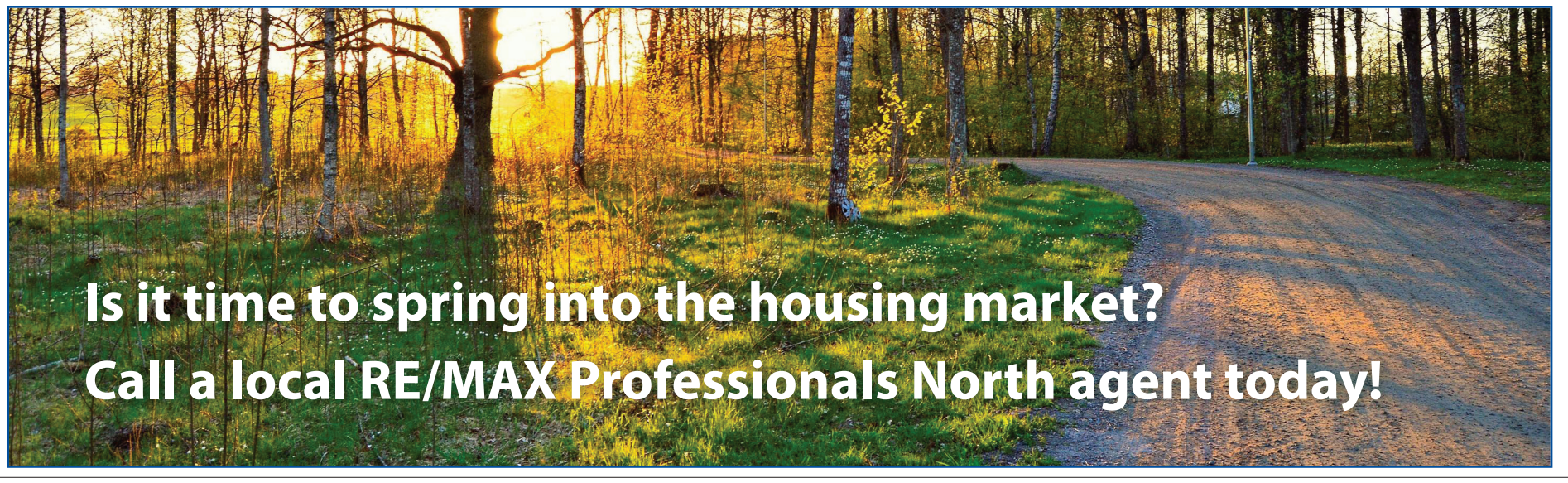

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email vivian@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

Sunrise over Dark Lake in Wilberforce. /Submitted by Vivien Mausz

Dean, a Pine Marten, climbs a tree. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Common Grackles take flight. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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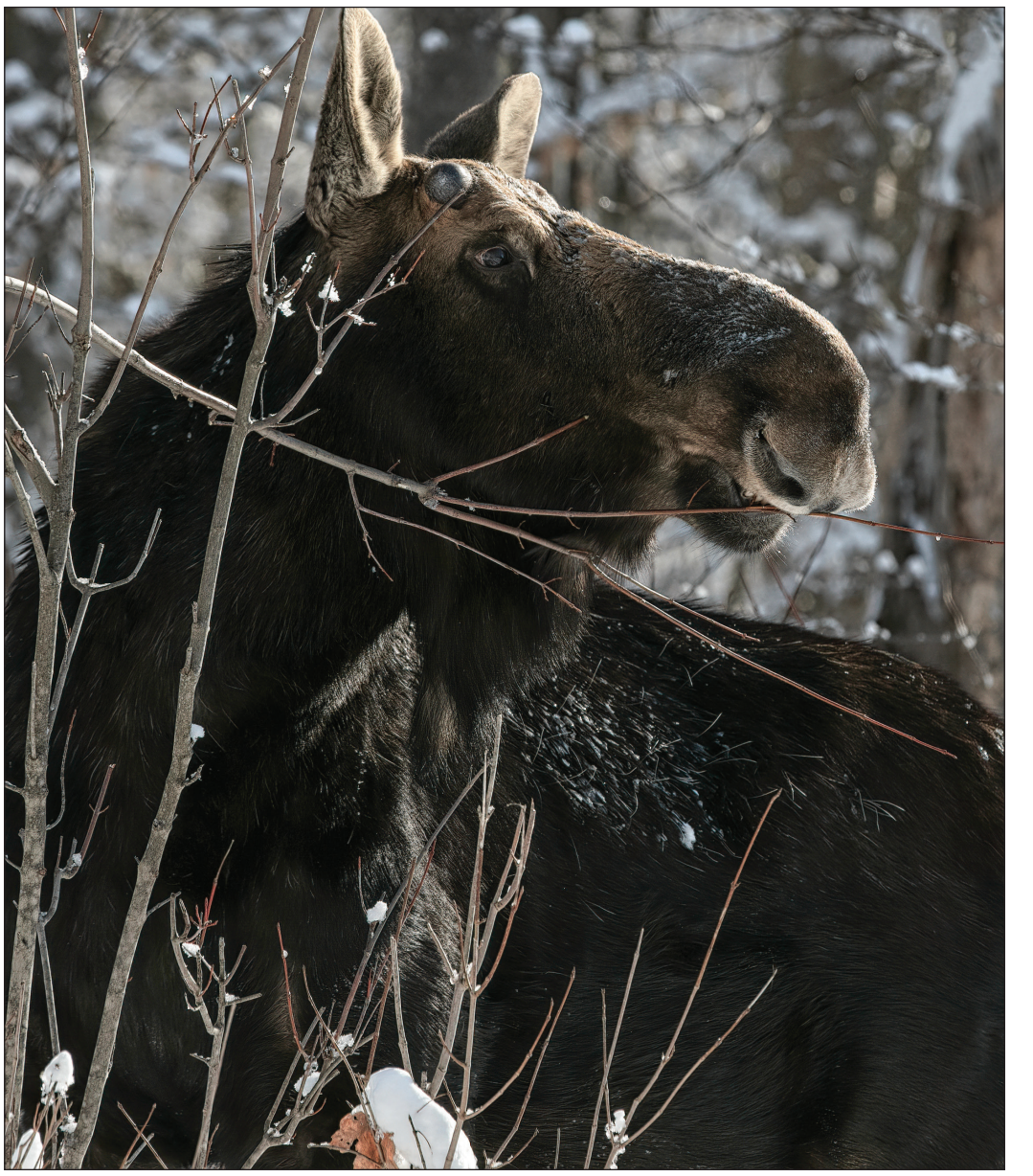
A Black-Capped Chickadee. /Submitted by Jill Moulton



A moose munches on a branch. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Wilberforce

Apr. 4 - Open 2 to 6 p.m.
Apr. 5 - Open 2 to 9 p.m. Fish/Chips 5 to 8 p.m.
Apr. 6 Open 2 to 6 p.m. - House League Darts 2 to 6 p.m. - Meat Draw 3 p.m.
Apr. 7 to 9 – CLOSED
Apr. 9 - General Meeting 7 p.m. - Nominations
Apr. 10 Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.

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Expected Start date: April 1, 2024
Candidates must enjoy working outside. A typical work week is 40 hours with potential for overtime. Willing to take required government safety certifications such as WHMIS. Able to support a positive team environment. Salary Range: Both Housekeeping/Laundry and Maintenance/Grounds keeping: $17.50 - $19.50 per hour based on experience. **Submit resume by email to Jay@camptimberlane.ca**

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If you wish to apply, please send a resume to Matt Brown/Site Manager at ***matt@onondagacamp.com***. Please feel free to contact at (705-286-5025)

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Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

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When: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church. 617 Mountain Street
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When: now until spots are filled
Where: 20 George Street, Haliburton
Spaces available to rent for the community yard sale on Saturday July 13, Hosted by North Entrance Masonic Lodge. Rentals begin at $15. Spots are limited. For more info or to book contact Rob Parish at 705-935-1921 or robparish707@yahoo.ca

A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED
When: April 3, 4 , 5 at 7:30 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Rd 21
Tickets available at Up River Trading, Minden & Haliburton. Friends please accept this as the only intimation.

Pancake Breakfast
When: April 6, 8 a.m. - 12 noon
Where: Highland Grove Community Centre
Includes pancakes, sausages, bacon, toast, eggs, coffee, and local maple syrup. $12 per adult, $8 per child, and children younger than 5 are free. Proceeds will benefit St John Vianney and mission churches.

Repair Cafe
When: April 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton
Bring your broken items and our volunteers will fix them. Don't forget to bring the kids along to enjoy the Tinker Table! We accept small appliances, ceramics, toys, furniture, jewellery, textiles, computers, wooden furniture, bicycles and more. Repair Café will take place the first Sunday of every month until December. For more info call 705-457-1742.

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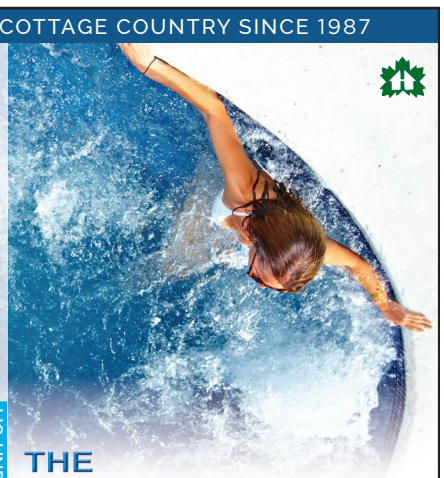

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Water tower $1 M over budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills's water tower project is going to cost $1 million more than expected.

That was the news delivered to councillors last week by Bruce Bonner of D.M. Wills Associates Limited, the Peterborough-based engineering firm in charge of the project.

As part of its mandate, the firm is also in charge of overseeing construction tenders for the project and it's these tenders that have taken the estimated total cost of the project from $2.4 million to approximately $3.4 million.

"The tender price was a shock to us and we were frankly quite disappointed in the results," Bonner told councillors at their

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

When I grow up ...

The Minden Skating Club's annual carnival focused on future professions. This group wants to be hair stylists. See page 14.

Still no decisions on Rail Trail governance

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Spring is here and another season of recreation on Haliburton County's trails is about to begin.

However, the Haliburton County Rail Trail, the 33-kilometre corridor between Haliburton and Kinmount that has caused a rift between motorized and non-motorized users in the past, remains without an official committee to govern its usage.

The former Rail Trail committee, which consisted of representatives of various user groups and members of county council, was disbanded last year after it was agreed that a lack of cooperation had rendered the committee essentially dysfunctional.

The county did accept verbal and written submissions from the public about what a new management committee for the Rail Trail could look like, but little action has been taken toward establishing a new committee.

"We're no further ahead than we were four months ago," Minden Hills reeve and chair of the county's economic development committee, Jim McMahon, said earlier this week.

The Rail Trail has been assigned to the economic development committee until a

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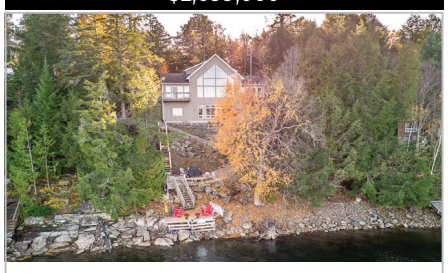

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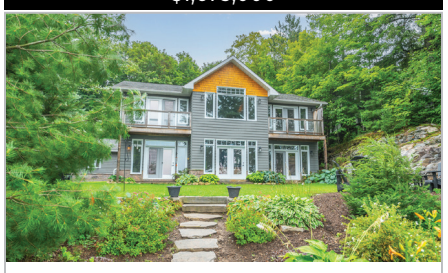

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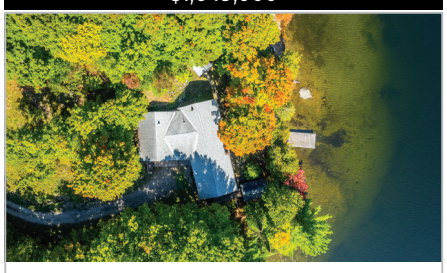

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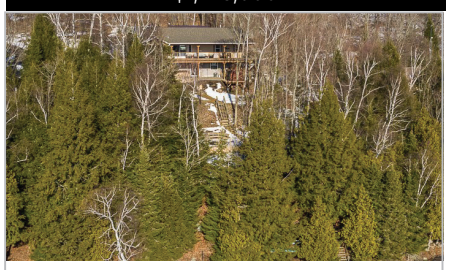

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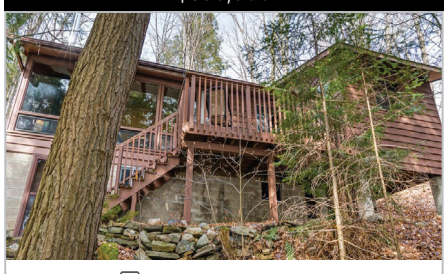

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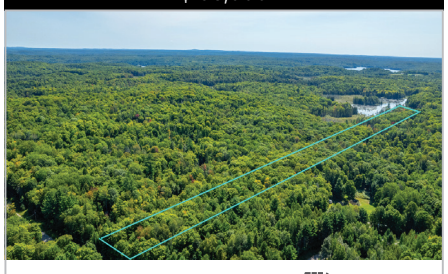

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